ALABAMA BOARD OF MASSAGE THERAPY



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MINUTES Board Meeting Friday, December 9, 2005

A meeting of the Alabama Board of Massage Therapy was called to order at 10:20 a.m. on Friday, December 9, 2005, at the Homewood Public Library, Room 110, Birmingham, Alabama. A quorum was present. Board members in attendance were Ms. Tammie Friedrichs (Chair), Ms. Cynthia Harris (Vice-Chair), Mr. Arnold Askew and Mr. Tommy O'Brien. Also in attendance was Mr. Keith Warren (Executive Director) and Mike James (Investigator). Members not in attendance were Mr. B. Hal Richardson, Ms. April Henderson, and Ms. Judy White.

Mr. Askew updated the Board of the new Federation of State Massage Therapy Boards. The Board was concerned about joining the association due to its current financial status. Mr. Askew informed the Board that the Federation is discussing not requiring a membership fee until late 2006.

Ms. Friedrichs asked the Board to approve the applications on the table for licensure as Massage Therapist. Mr. Askew made a motion to approve the applications for licensure. The motion was seconded by Mr. O'Brien and unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Warren asked the Board to enter into Executive Session to discuss pending litigation. Mr. Askew made a motion for the Board to enter into Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Mr. O'Brien and unanimously approved by the Board.

The Board returned to the regular meeting.

Ms. Harris made a motion to give full authorization to Mr. Keith Warren, Executive Director, to negotiate the assessed fine against Mr. Melvin Knoblett that is pending in Montgomery County Circuit Court. The motion was seconded by Mr. O'Brien and unanimously approved by the Board.

There being no further business, Mr. Askew made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:45 a.m. The motion was seconded by Mr. O'Brien and unanimously approved by the Board.

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Respectfully Submitted,

Jannie Friedrich

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Executive Director